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Tetsuya Kondo et al.

Application No.: 09/695,866

Confirmation No.: 3197

Filed: October 26, 2000

Art Unit: 2655

For: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING  
MEDIUM, AND SUBSTRATE AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR THE  
OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING  
MEDIUM

Examiner: A. Neyzari

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 29, 2004, applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-22 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-22, drawn to an optical information recording medium comprising different layers, and Group II, claims 23-24, drawn to a manufacturing method for an optical recording medium.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent.

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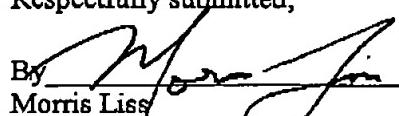
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If the Examiner is aware of another method to make the product as claimed, using a process which is materially different from that set forth in the restricted claims, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to substantiate his position in greater detail. Otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of claims 1-24 presently pending in this application be examined.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21994-00013-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: November 10, 2004

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